Amendments to Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, Line 13 with the following paragraph:

The TCP Module is generally configured to present ordered and error-free packet data to Layer 7 Module 204. The TCP Module 202 also may send control signals to the Layer 7 Module. One or more control signals (referred to as "analysis commands") specify packet data analysis procedures within the Layer 7 Module. One or more control signals may also control packet data storage within the Layer 7 Module or within any other suitable module. The Layer 7 Module may also receive any other type and number of commands, in addition to or instead of analyze commands and storage commands, from the TCP Module. The TCP Module 202 may perform any other suitable packet analysis and manipulation procedures. Specific embodiments of the TCP module 202 and its relation to the Layer 7 Module 204 and Load Balancing Module 206 are described further in concurrently filed U.S. application, having Application No. 09/714,673 ~~(Attorney Docket No. CISCP187),~~ which commonly assigned application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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